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Students from Ottawa County to witness Michigan Supreme Court oral argument on rare “certified question”; Jenison Center for the Arts auditorium at capacity, public can view the hearing [live online](#) at 12:30 p.m., April 27

Who: Michigan Supreme Court Justices, Ottawa County Judges
1,000+ High School Students and Teachers

What: The Michigan Supreme Court will hear oral argument in [Peter Deacon v Pandora Media, Inc.](#) The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has asked the Michigan Supreme Court to consider a certified question. At issue in the [order](#) is whether to grant the request to answer the certified question and whether Peter Deacon has stated a claim against Pandora for violation of the Michigan Video Rental Privacy Act by adequately alleging that Pandora is in the business of “renting” or “lending” sound recordings, and that he is a “customer” of Pandora, because he “rents” or “borrows” sound recordings from Pandora.

When: April 27, 2016 – 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Jenison Center for the Arts, 8375 20th Ave., Jenison
Participating students are from: Allendale, Black River, Coopersville, Grand Haven, Holland, Hudsonville, Jenison, Spring Lake, Unity Christian, West Ottawa, Zeeland East, and Zeeland West. A debriefing session with attorneys will follow oral argument.

Seating will be available beginning at noon in the following courthouses to watch the proceedings via live stream:

Grand Haven – 20th Circuit Court, 414 Washington Avenue, Courtroom 3B

Holland – 58th District Court, 85 West 8th Street, Courtroom B

Hudsonville – 58th District Court, 3100 Port Sheldon Road, Courtroom A

West Olive – 20th Circuit Court, Family Division, 12120 Fillmore Street, Courtroom C

Why: While the Supreme Court normally hears oral argument at the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing, Supreme Court justices and staff travel to various communities as part of “Court Community Connections,” which the Supreme Court started in 2007 as a public education program aimed principally at high school students. The goal is to help students understand the appellate courts and Michigan’s judicial system.

Media reporters and photographers are welcome; please contact the Office of Public Information at 517 373-0714 or browneb@courts.mi.gov for [permission to film or photograph](#) during the hearing. [Click here](#) to watch the special session at Jenison Center for the Arts.